

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for determining speech fluency, the method comprising:

obtaining one or more speech samples from an individual;

identifying variables present in the speech samples;

obtaining an average length of speech run by the individual;

obtaining an average length of silent pause by the individual;

measuring a total amount of silent time by the individual;

measuring a total amount of speech time by the individual;

measuring a total number of speech runs by the individual;

dynamically analyzing ~~temporality in the speech samples~~ and selectively weighting the variables to determine a speech fluency score;

comparing the speech fluency score with established fluency ranges; and

determining ~~indicating~~ a speech fluency of the individual based on the dynamic analysis, weighting, and comparison.

2. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising measuring a total number of silent pauses by the individual ~~wherein the temporality comprise a total amount of time of silence.~~

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ obtaining one or more speech samples comprises ~~a step for~~ recording the one or more speech samples in an electronic format.

8. (original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the electronic format is a .wav format.

9. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables ~~temporality in the speech samples~~ comprises ~~a step for~~ using a computer device to perform at least a portion of the dynamic analysis and weighting.

10. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the step for~~ dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables ~~temporality in the speech samples~~ includes ~~a step for~~ automatically measuring ~~temporal~~ the variables in the speech samples.

11. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the ~~temporal~~ variables are measured instantaneously.

12. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables includes weighting the variables based on relevance, the step for determining a speech fluency comprises steps for:

determining a fluency score for the individual based on the dynamic analysis; and  
comparing the fluency score with an established fluency range;

13. (currently amended) A computer program product for implementing within a computer system a method for determining speech fluency, the computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium for providing computer program code means utilized to implement the method, wherein the computer program code means is comprised of executable code for implementing ~~the steps for:~~

receiving one or more speech samples of an individual; and

identifying variables present in the speech samples;

obtaining an average length of speech run by the individual;

obtaining an average length of silent pause by the individual;

measuring a total amount of silent time by the individual;

measuring a total amount of speech time by the individual;

measuring a total number of speech runs by the individual;

dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables to  
determine a speech fluency score; temporality in the speech samples;

comparing the speech fluency score with established fluency ranges; and

indicating the speech fluency of the individual based on the dynamic analysis, weighting and comparison.

14. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 13, ~~further comprising a step for determining a speech fluency of the individual based on the dynamic analysis wherein the computer program code means is further comprised of executable code for~~ implementing measuring a total number of silent pauses by the individual.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~the step for receiving one or more speech samples comprises a step for recording the one or more~~ speech samples in an electronic format.

21. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 20, wherein the electronic format is a .wav format.

22. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~the step for dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables temporality in the speech samples includes a step for electronically measuring temporal the~~ variables in the speech samples.

23. (original) A computer program product as recited in claim 22, wherein the temporal variables are measured instantaneously.

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (new) A computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein dynamically analyzing and selectively weighting the variables includes selectively weighting the variables based on relevance.